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FINANCIAL CRISIS FOR TIGER PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tiger parks in the country are facing financial crisis for their upkeep;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the hotels near the tiger parks have to pay for conservation of tiger parks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to generate more revenues for the upkeep and maintenance of the tiger parks and other wildlife sanctuaries in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) No Sir.Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger,funding support is provided to States for tiger conservation in designated tiger reserves.Details of funding support provided in this regard during the last three years are at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d) Based on the Tiger Task Force recommendations, guidelines have been issued for preparation of Tiger Conservation Plan, which, interalia, include involvement of private, commercial tour operators and lodge owners for local community development to foster tiger conservation.

(e) Advisories have been issued to tiger range States for establishing reserve-specific Tiger Conservation Foundation as per the statutory provision under Section 38X of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, as amended in 2006, to facilitate and support management by acting as a non-profit centre for development through local participation.